GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in "execution of MGNREGS works in Atreyapuram Mandal of erstwhile East Godavari District" taken up by the Panchayat Raj Engineering Personnel of East Godavari District - Departmental proceedings against Sri S.Tajuddin, the then Dy.EE, PRI SD, Kothapeta (Retired on:31.05.2021) under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.793 **Dated:16.11.2023.**

Read the following:-

G.O.Ms.No.89 PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt.16.11.2023.

ORDER:-

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under subclause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri S. Tajuddin, the then Dy.EE, PRI SD, Kothapeta (Retired on:31.05.2021) vide reference read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against the said **Sri S. Tajuddin,** the then Dy.EE, PRI SD, Kothapeta (Retired on:31.05.2021) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services [Classifcation, Control and Appeal], 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of the article of charge is enclosed [Annexure-II]. A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed [Annexure III & IV]. Copies of documents are furnished herewith.

3. **Sri S. Tajuddhin,** the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Kothapeta (Retired) is directed to submit written statement of defence within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. **Sri S. Tajuddhin,** the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Kothapeta (Retired) is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges, which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifcally admit or deny each article of charge.

5. **Sri S. Tajuddhin**, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Kothapeta (Retired) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para-3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. [CC&A] Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte.

(P.T.O)

6. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMET

To
Sri S. Tajuddhin, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Kothapeta (Retired). **through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada. (with a request to serve the same on the C.O. and furnish the acknowledgment copy]
Copy to:-
The Director General, General Administration(V&E)Dept., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to VC, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P., Velagapudi
SF/SC.

//FORWARDED::BY::ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.TAJUDDIN, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, KOTHAPETA (RETIRED ON 31.5.2021)

CHARGE:

That Sri S.Tajuddin, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Kothapeta (retired on 31.5.2021) has check measured and allowed the inferior quality of the following works Nos. 1 & 3, thereby misusing the Government funds and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

Work No.1: Providing Under Ground Drain (UGD) from Karnamgari field to Panchayat Officer (Bit-I) at Kattunga (V) in Atreyapuram (M) (ID No.04706431009080025).

Work No.3: Providing Internal CC road & CC drain from Sri, Kattunga Gangayya's house to GP Officer building at Kattunga(V)in Atreyapuram (M) (IDNo.047064310009080022)

By his above mentioned act, Sri S.Tajuddin, the then Dy.E.E., PRI Sub-division, Kothapeta (retired on 31.5.2021) has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

Hence Charge.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.TAJUDDIN, THE THEN DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,PRI SUB-DIVISION, KOTHAPETA(RETIRED ON 31.5.2021)

BASIS:

In the Vigilance Report No.50(311//V&E/Engg/2018-1), dt.06.12.2022 of the Director General, G.A.(V&E) Dept. has informed that the Vigilance and Enforcement Department officials enquired into the allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads & drains in Atreyapuram (M) of erstwhile East Godavari District under MGNREGS taken up by Panchayat Raj Engineering Department and reported as follows: Work No.1:"Providing Under Ground Drain (UGD) from Karnamgari field to Panchayat officer (Bit-I) at Kattunga(V) in Atreyapuram(M)"(ID No.04706431009080025). At the time of V&E inspection, the work of CC drain walls were completed and recorded in M.Book. Payment was made for bed concrete and drain walls for a length of 220 metres out of 285 metres proposed i.e. from KM 0/045 to KM 0/265 by the time of V&E inspection. As of now, 2nd & part bill payment was made to the agency for an amount of Rs.15,01,986/- vide MB No.129/A/2016-17 duly deducting VAT and seigniorage charges, etc, as per norms in vogue. Final bill is yet to be made.

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It was noticed that the part bill payment was made without check measurement by the concerned Executive Engineer although the ExecutiveEngineer had to check measure the work as per clause 6(vi) of Govt. Memo No.42243/Estt.I(1)/99-2, PR&RD(PROGS)Dept., dt. 09.02.2000. The physical measurements of CC drains were verified and found to have tallied with the recorded measurement in M.Book. As per clause 17.4.3 of IS 456:2000, concrete in the member represented by a core test shall be considered acceptable if the average equivalent cube strength of the cores is equal to at least 85 percent of the cube strength of the grade of concrete specified for the corresponding age and no individual core has a strength less than 75 percent.

Sl. No.	Grade of concrete	Permissible equivalent cube compressive strength limits	
		Individual strength	Average strength
		(N/mm2)	(N/mm2)
		11.25	12.75
		15.00	17.00

Concrete cores were extracted from hardened concrete components of drain work by engaging 3rd party agency viz. M/s.KDM Engineers (India) Private Ltd., NABL accredited Laboratory, Visakhapatnam and tested in the presence of concerned field Officers.

The test results were as follows:

Core No.	Location of the core extracted	Grade of concrete	Compressive strength in N/mm^2		Remarks
			Achieved	Required	
	L/S Drain wall				
1	L/s wall @ KM 0/050, 0.30m from top	M15	3.5	11.25	Failed
3	L/s wall @ KM 0/165 on top of wall	M15	9.0	11.25	Failed
5	L/s wall @ KM 0/200, 0.32m from top	M15	6.4	11.25	Failed
	Average		6.30	12.75	Failed
	R/S Drain wall				
2	R/s wall @ KM 0/090, 0.45m from top	M15	9.4	11.25	Failed
4	R/s wall @ KM 0/190, 0.30 m from top	M15	7.9	11.25	Failed
5	R/s wall @ KM 0/210, 0.38m from top	M15	7.3	11.25	Failed
	Average		8.20	12.75	**Failed**

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The above test results revealed that the concrete cores extracted from the C.C. drains failed to achieve required compressive strength of the specified M15 grade concrete as per IS 456:2000. The L/s drain wall and R/s drain walls were found to be liable for rejection.

Hence, the rejected components should be reconstructed at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs.10,13,883/- is proposed to be recovered from the agency.

Work No.3: "Providing Internal CC road & CC drain from Sri Kattunga Gangayya's house to GP officer building at Kattunga (V) in Atreyapuram(M)"(IDNo.047064310009080022) The total length of CC drain 160.80 metres were constructed in 6 stretches of 32.20 metres, 18.1 metres, 25.00 metres, 30.90 metres, 22.00 metres and 32.60 metres. The V&E officials inspected randomly the stretches from 3 to 6 which were completed. It was found that the measurements were recorded in M.Book but bills were not yet paid as on the date of inspection. As of now, the work was completed and 1st & part bill payment was made to the agency for an amount of Rs.4,19,019/- vide M.Book No.298/A/2017-18 duly deducting VAT and siegniorage charges etc, as per norms in vogue. Final bill is yet to be made.

The physical measurements were verified and found to have tallied with the recorded measurement in M.Book. Concrete cores were extracted from hardened concrete components of three drain works and one CC road by engaging 3rd party agency viz. M/s.KDM Engineers (India) Private Ltd., NABL accredited Laboratory, Visakhapatnam and tested in the presence of concerned field Officers.

The test results were as follows:

Core No.	Location of the core extracted	Grade of concrete	Compressive strength in N/mm^2		Remarks
			Achieved	Required	
	L/S Drain wall				
16	(6^{th} bit) L/s wall @ KM 0/018.7, 0.30m from top	M15	8.1	11.25	Failed
18	(5^{th} bit) L/s wall @ KM 0/004.5 on top	M15	5.5	11.25	Failed
20	(3^{rd} bit) L/s wall @ KM 0/020, 0.32 on top	M15	8.7	11.25	Failed
	Average		7.43	12.75	Failed
	R/S Drain wall				
17	(6^{th} bit) R/s wall @ KM 0/025.6 on top	M15	8.4	11.25	Failed
19	(5^{th} bit) R/s wall @ KM 0/004.5 on top	M15	8.8	11.25	Failed
21	(4^{th} bit) R/s wall @ KM	M15	9.1	11.25	Failed

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The above test results revealed that the concrete cores extracted from the L/s drain wall & R/s drain wall were found to be liable for rejection. Hence, the rejected components should be re-laid at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs.2,63,900/- is proposed to be recovered from the agency.

The V&E Dept. has not accepted the version of the Officers and concluded the allegations that the drain works taken up under SC & ST plan were executed with substandard quality and without mixing the ingredients of concrete in specified proportions in the villages of Athreyapuram (M) and without proper supervision of departmental Officers was substantiated as explained above Thus, Sri S.Tajuddin, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Kothapeta has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 and failed to follow the departmental procedure and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.TAJUDDIN,THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, KOTHAPETA (RETIRED ON 31.5.2021) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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Vigilance Report No.50(311/V&E/Engg./2018-1), dt.06.12.2022 of the Director-General, Genl.Admn. (Vigilance and Enforcement) Dept.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.TAJUDDIN, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, KOTHAPETA (RETIRED ON 31.5.2021) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

- NIL –

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